

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A sectional flooring installation device, comprising:

a transfer unit, the transfer unit engaging a vertical support of a bookshelf assembly;

a bridge assembly, wherein the bridge assembly spans and is elevated over a tile pinned underneath the vertical support such that the bridge assembly does not contact the pinned tile;
and

a lifting device, wherein the lifting device is placed on the bridge assembly and underneath the transfer unit, and further wherein the lifting device is expanded by an operator; ~~thereby engaging to engage~~ the transfer unit and ~~raising~~ raise the vertical support, ~~thereby freeing the to free a~~ pinned tile for removal from underneath both the vertical support and the bridge assembly.

Claim 2 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, further comprising a distribution plate to evenly distribute the lifting force of the lifting device to the transfer unit.

Claim 3 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, wherein the transfer unit engages a hole pattern in the vertical support.

Claim 4 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, wherein the transfer unit includes a fork to engage a hole pattern in the vertical support.

Claim 5 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, wherein the lifting device is a hydraulic jack.

Claim 6 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, wherein the tile is unpinned for replacement.

Claim 7 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, further comprising a variable height bridge assembly to compensate for bookshelf restraints near the floor covering.

Claim 8 (original): The sectional flooring installation device according to claim 1, wherein the pinned tile is a section of broad loom carpet.

Claims 9-12 (canceled):

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method of replacing pinned flooring tiles, comprising:

- a. attaching a transfer unit to a vertical support of a bookshelf assembly;
- b. spanning a tile pinned beneath the vertical support with a bridge assembly that is elevated over the pinned tile such that the bridge assembly does not contact the pinned tile;
- c. placing a lifting device on top of the bridge assembly;
- d. expanding the lifting device on the bridge assembly to engage the transfer unit;
- e. lifting the vertical support to free the pinned tile;
- f. removing the pinned tile from underneath both the vertical support and the bridge assembly;
- g. inserting a new tile in place beneath the raised vertical support and the bridge assembly; and
- h. lowering the raised vertical support.

Claim 14 (original): The method according to claim 13, wherein the tile is a section of broad loom carpet.